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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1120)

In the Application of:)
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Ramanujam et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/674,402) Examiner: Chu, Kim Kwok
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Filing Date: January 2, 2001) Group Art Unit: 2653
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For: System and Method for Recording of) Confirmation No.: 8359
Information On a Holographic Recording)
Medium, Preferably an Optical Card) Customer No.: 20306

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22312-1450

Dear Sir:

On October 4, 2004, the Office mailed a Restriction Requirement, requiring restriction of this application to one of two groups, which the Examiner defined as follows:

- I. Claims 1-4 and 9-23, drawn to method of recording and reading data with a holographic write/read apparatus, classified in class 369, subclass 103.
- II. Claims 5-8, drawn to a holographic recording medium classified in class 359, subclass 3.

In compliance with MPEP Section 818, Applicant elects Group I without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of Claims 5-8 in a divisional application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 12/1/04

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